(b) how much amount has been paid to each hospital since 1st May, 2005 if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government had taken against the officials concerned who had delayed the payment to hospitals which has forced them not to attend the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in emergency on account of inordinate delay in their payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Action against mal-administration in Government Hospitals

393. SHRI ABU SALIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 29th October, 2005, after three bomb blasts in the Capital of the country, the sufferers has to wait for hours and were not provided necessary treatement in a large number of Government Hospitals in the Capital; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such a mal-administration in the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) All victims/ sufferers of bomb blast incidents of 29.10.05 who were brought the Central Government Hospitals were immediately attended/admitted and provided treatment as needed. Senior Officers of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Directorate General of Health Services were constantly monitoring the situation in the Hospitals.

Female foeticide in Punjab

394. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rate of female foeticide in Punjab is much higher than in other States;

(b) whether the Central Government have sought any report from the Punjab Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Census 2001 figures reveal that the child sex ratio for the age group of 0-6 years in the State of Punjab is 798 against the National figure of 927.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994, all clinics/ units having diagnostic facilities capable of determining the sex of the foetus are required to be registered under the Act and determination and communication of the sex of the foetus is prohibited Quarterly reports giving number of units registered, number of court cases filed for violations of the Act etc. are received from each State and Union Territory. As per the latest report received as on 31st October 2005 from the State of Punjab, 1242 clinics/units have been registered so far and 61 cases are filed in various courts for violations of the provisions of the Act.

Failure of National Rural Health Mission

395. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Rural Health Mission has failed to achieve its target of selecting and training the social health activities;

(b) if so, what is the target for 2005-06 and whether it is moving at a slow pace especially in the backward and poverty stricken States; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to speed up implementation of this project in the tribal-dominated, cash strapped Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the National Rural Health Mission, 2.5 lakh trained female Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) have to be selected in a phased